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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY. JORDANIAN PRESS OCT 8 LAUNCHES FULL-SCALE COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT, WITH FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES IN ALL DAILIES. ALL ARTICLES UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAD WITH SECRETARY'S WARNING NOT TO EXPECT MAJOR DE-

VELOPMENTS FROM VISIT, SINCE HE MAKING TRIP TO DRAW UP TIMETABLE FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. PAPERS INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA AND MOROCCO, AND QUOTE SECRETARY AS DENYING ANY POSSIBILITY OF HIS MEETING WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF PLO. ARTICLES INCLUDE SECURETARY'S STATEMENT THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF TENSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST WILL TAKE PLACE SEPARATELY FROM DISPUTE OVER OIL PRICES. END SUMMARY.

- 2. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES AS FOLLOWS: GOJ-SPONSORED AL-RAYY: "KISSINGER SAYS DON'T EXPECT QUICK RESULTS OF THE NEW TOUR". AL-DUSTOUR: "KISSINGER TRYS TO DRAW UP A TIMETABLE FOR COMING PHASE". AL-URDUN: "KISSINGER DOES NOT EXPECT EXCITING STATEMENTS". GOJ-SPONSORED AR-RAYY STATES, "DR. ISSINGER WARNED THAT THE UPCOMING TOUR MIGHT NOT LEAD TO TANGIBLE RESULTS AND, IN ADDITION, THAT IT MIGHT BE THE LAST IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO FIND A SETTLEMENT."
- 3. AS-SABAAH QUOTED SECRETARY AS SAYING THAT
 NEITHER EGYPT NOR ISRAEL HAD ACCEPTED AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR OFFERING THEM ADDITIONAL QUARANTEES RELATED TO NUCLEAR REACTORS FROM US. PAPERS SAID ALSO THAT
 SECRETARY DENIED THAT HE INTENDS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN
 CONFRONTATION WITH ARAB STATES, "DESPITE WHAT NUMEROUS
 OBSERVERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT EXPECT FROM HIS
 HARSH WORDS OF RECENT SPEECHES."
- 4. DAILY AL-URDON: "CAIRO REVEALED THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL CARRY WITH HIM ON HIS VISIT TO EGYPT, ISRAELI MAPS...THESE MAPS, SAYS THE CAIRO WEEKLEY ROS ALYOUSEF, WERE DRAWN UP BY ISRAEL AND INCLUDE SHARM AS-SHEIKH WITHIN HER BORDERS. HOWEVER, THE WEEKLY ADDS, WASHINGTON RETURNED THE MAPS TO TEL AVIV, REQUIRING MODIFICATIONS."
- 5. MAIN EDITORIALS IN ALL DAILIES DISCUSS SECRETARY'S TRIP. COMMENTING ON SECRETARY'S WARNING NOT TO EXPECT MAJOR RESULTS FROM VISIT, AD-DUSTOUR NOTES, UNCLASSIFIED

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"THIS METHOD HAD ITS JUSTIFICATIONS IN THE PAST ON THE BASIS OF PROBING THE OPINIONS OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES. THESE JUSTIFICATIONS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE NOW THAT KISSINGER IS FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, FOLLOWING HIS MANY MEETINGS WITH ARAB AND ISRAELI LEADERS. THIS VAGUE DIPLOMACY CREATES FEARS AND DOUBTS AND GIVES RISE TO THE IDEA THAT THE ELEMENT OF TIME IS NOT BEING GIVEN

THE PROPER CONSIDERATION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT DR. KISSINGER IS COMING TO THE AREA WITHOUT HAVING CLEAR IDEAS. FROM THE ARAB POINT OF VIEW, THE SITUATION CRYSTALLIZED A LONG TIME AGO, AS EMBODIED IN THE NECESSITY OF A TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL AREAS OCCUPIED IN 1967, AND THE INEVITABILITY OF RECOGNIZING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE VALUE OF KISSINGER'S TOUR WILL DEPEND ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH HE CAN IMPLEMENT THE WILL OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY BE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ELEMENT OF TIME. IT IS WRONG TO THINK THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION CAN ENDURE ANY FURTHER DIPLOMACY OF VAGUENESS, SINCE THE RESTORATION OF A STATE OF NO-WAR NO-PEACE HAS BEEN TOTALLY REJECTED BY THE ARABS."

6. IN NON-COMMITAL EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WAITING FOR KISSINGER," AR-RAYY COMMENTS: "RABIN'S STATEMENTS CON-CERNING WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS IN RETURN FOR PEACE WERE CONSIDERED BY THE RIGHTIST BLOCK IN THE PARTLIAMENT TO BE A DEVIATION FROM THE THINKING OF MOST ISRAELIS. AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE LIKUD BLOC, GENERAL SHARON, ATTACKED DR. KISSINGER AND ACCUSED HIM OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. THUS, THE LIKUD HAS PREPARED ITS OWN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TO RE-CEIVE DR. KISSINGER, AND RABIN HAS CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT THE DISCUSSION OF PEACE WITHOUT WITHDRAWAL IS A KIND OF PRETENSE. ON THE OTHER HAND, CAIRO WELCOMES THE SECRETARY'S VISIT; THE EGYPTIAN PRESS CONFIRMS THAT KISSINGER'S CURRENT TRIP WILL START WITH THE SETTLEMENT AFTER THE END OF THE SEPARATION-OF-FORCES PHASE...IN ALL CASES, ISRAEL IS THE PARTY TO MAKE KISSINGER'S MISSION EASY, SINCE SHE IS THE PARTY TO GIVE IN." UNCLASSIFIED

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7. AS-SABAH EDITORIAL ENCOURAGES ARABS TO CONTINUE TO USE OIL AS WEAPON "THROUGH WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL COMPEL ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED AREAS." PICKERING

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